

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 84-30

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY AUDITORS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICERS

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE CLAIMING PROCEDURES FOR THE FEDERAL ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; REFUGEES AND ENTRANTS IN RECEIPT OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE; ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE WARRANT WHEN THE ORIGINAL WARRANT HAS BEEN LOST AND SUBMISSION OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF RECOVERIES OF OVERPAYMENTS (AFDC) - FORM SSA 4972

1. Federal Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)

On the Summary Report of Assistance Expenditures - Adoption Assistance Program - Federal (AD 800A)(10/82), Line 13 provided a mechanism for eliminating Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for an assistance payment that was an amount greater than the foster family home rate (i.e., group home rate). The recommended coding on the accompanying payroll for such cases was "A".

The State Department of Social Services (SDSS) has received the final rule from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regarding the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 (PL 96-272). In the final rule the foster family definition included group homes, etc. Therefore, FFP should not be deleted for those payments greater than a foster family home rate, and the need for Line 13 has been eliminated. Please do not enter any payment amounts on Line 13 and eliminate all reference to Line 13 on the form. The form is not going to be redesigned at this time. In addition, the need for the alpha identification code "A" is also eliminated.

2. Refugees and Entrants In Receipt of General Assistance

Overpayment collections for refugees and entrants in receipt of Refugee Resettlement Program/Cuban Haitian Entrant Program funded General Assistance (GA) must be returned to the Federal Government.

All-County Letter No. 82-86 informed counties of the design and reporting requirements for Form DFA 859. As a reminder, DFA 859 is used to claim 100 percent federal reimbursement of county GA funds paid to refugees and entrants during their second 18 months of eligibility.

Line 8 on this form is to report abatements and repayments. It appears from the monthly claims submitted, some counties may not be reporting the overpayment collections on the DFA 859. It is essential for counties to correctly report these overpayment collections on Line 8 on the DFA 859 to ensure proper reimbursement of federal funds.

3. Issuance of a Duplicate Warrant When the Original Warrant Has Been Lost

Chapter 1316, Statutes of 1983 (SB 307) amended the Government Code regarding the time limitation for warrants deemed lost. The statutes were effective January 1, 1984, and the counties are directed to comply.

Prior to the passage of this bill any warrant issued by the county auditor was considered lost if it had been mailed and had not been received by the addressee within twenty days after the date of mailing or within such shorter period of time as determined by the county board of supervisors. In no event could the shorter period of time be established at less than seven days.


Chapter 1316, Statutes of 1983, specifies that the county auditor issue and deliver a duplicate warrant within seven days if the warrant has been mailed and not received within seven days, or any shorter period of time established by the county board of supervisors and the warrant has not been redeemed by the treasurer. The issuance and deliverance of a duplicate warrant is still done subsequent to the filing of an affidavit by the owner or custodian of the warrant setting forth the facts concerning the loss of the warrant. This statute applies to any warrant issued by the county auditor for public social services pursuant to Division 9 (commencing with Section 10000) of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

4. Quarterly Report of Recoveries of Overpayments (AFDC) - Form SSA 4972

The Quarterly Report of Recoveries of Overpayments (AFDC) - Form SSA 4972 is due to SDSS by the twelfth working day following the end of the reporting quarter. The quarters are:

January - March  
April - June  
July - September  
October - December

If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Woolman at (916) 323-0282 or ATSS 473-0282.



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